

claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is Applicants' position that it would not be unduly burdensome to perform a search on claims 1-19 together. Accordingly, Applicants traverse the restriction requirement.

## II. CONCLUSION

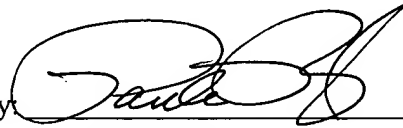
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